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SALE OF MILK FROM UNREGISTERED DAIRY.

CALIFORNIA COURT DECIDES THAT IF THE MILK COMPLIES WITH THE STATE LAW A CUSTOMER CAN NOT REFUSE TO PAY FOR IT BECAUSE THE DAIRY WAS NOT REGISTERED.

After a dispute between a California cheese manufacturer and a dairyman who had supplied him with milk the cheese manufacturer refused to pay for milk which he had used, on the ground that the dairy from which the milk was delivered was not registered with the State authorities as required by law. The purity of the milk was not questioned, and it complied with the standards established by the State law.

The California Court of Appeal decided that the law requiring registration of dairies did not provide any penalty for failure to register other than a fine or imprisonment; that the sale of the milk was not unlawful; and that it must be paid for.

The opinion is published in this issue of the Public Health Reports, page 2523.

POLIOMYELITIS (INFANTILE PARALYSIS).

PREVALENCE AS REPORTED BY STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

In the last two issues of the Public Health Reports there were published tables showing the number of cases of poliomyelitis reported during the summer in cities in which five or more cases had been reported during any one week. The following tabular statement shows the number of cases reported by State authorities. The data are taken from reports made by the respective State health departments. The figures show the number of cases notified and recorded. For some States these constitute but a fraction of the cases that occurred. In some States the prevalence of disease is not recorded, and for these no data are available, except for certain municipalities.